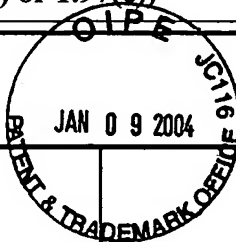


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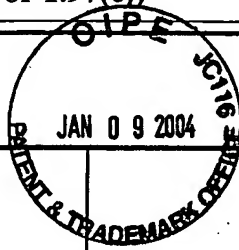


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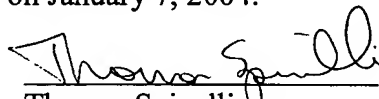
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1. European Patent Application No. EP 1 256 310 A2, dated November 13, 2002; and
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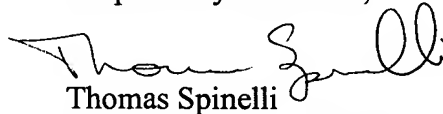

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